

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 SINGAP 01256 181235Z
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-05 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00
INR-10 NSAE-00 H-01 DODE-00 PA-01 /052 W
-----043237 191042Z /21
R 171030Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9886
INFO CINCPAC

S E C R E T SINGAPORE 1256

E.O. 11652\$ GDS
TAGS: MILI, SN
SUBJECT: P-3 STAGING FROM SINGAPORE

REFS: (A) SINGAPORE 1241, (B) STATE 37664

1. REF A REPORTS THE RECEIPT OF A NOTE FROM THE GOS FOREIGN MINISTRY, DATED MARCH 16, AGREEING TO THE STAGING OF P-3 FLIGHTS THROUGH SINGAPORE. THE AGREEMENT WAS IN THE CUSTOMARY FORM OF A NOTE QUOTING IN FULL THE U.S. NOTE OF MARCH 2 REQUESTING PERMISSION TO STAGE THE FLIGHTS AND CONFIRMING THAT THE GOS NOTE "CONSTITUTES AN AGREEMENT ON THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED EMBASSY'S NOTE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA".

2. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF THE ORIGINAL OF THE SINGAPORE NOTE. ALTHOUGH IT SPEAKS OF AN "AGREEMENT" BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, WE ASSUME THAT IT IS NOT CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE AN AGREEMENT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF 11 FAM CHAPTER 700 SINCE IT MERELY GIVES GOS ASSENT TO USE OF CERTAIN SINGAPORE FACILITIES BY U.S. AIRCRAFT WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC UNDERTAKING ON THE PART OF THE USG. ON THIS ASSUMPTION, THE PROVISIONS OF 11 FAM 723.7 WOULD NOT APPLY. IS THIS CORRECT? IF SO, SHOULD WE FORWARD THE ORIGINAL OF THE SINGAPORE NOTE TO THE DEPARTMENT OR SHOULD WE HOLD
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 SINGAP 01256 181235Z

IT IN OUR FILES?

3. ALTHOUGH SINGAPORE NOTE WAS NOT CLASSIFIED, GOS OFFICIALS HAVE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THEY DO NOT WISH ANY PUBLICITY WHATSOEVER REGARDING THIS AGREEMENT. ALL ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE TO BE TREATED AS SECRET, AT LEAST UNTIL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ACTUAL

OPERATIONS BEGIN.

4. EVEN AFTER OPERATIONS BEGIN, THERE IS REASONABLY GOOD PROSPECT THAT THEY WILL NOT ATTRACT ANY PUBLIC NOTICE. (C-141 SUPPLY FLIGHTS TO DIEGO GARCIA HAVE BEEN TRANSITTING SINGAPORE FOR OVER A YEAR WITHOUT PUBLIC NOTICE.) WE INTEND TO DISCUSS WITH THE SINGAPOREANS THE QUESTION OF CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.
HOLDRIDGE

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY AIRCRAFT, DIPLOMATIC NOTES, AIRCRAFT OVERFLIGHTS, FLIGHT CLEARANCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978SINGAP01256
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780121-1036
Format: TEL
From: SINGAPORE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780354/aaaabtld.tel
Line Count: 71
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3c8517c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 SINGAPORE 1241, 78 STATE 37664
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3289493
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: P-3 STAGING FROM SINGAPORE
TAGS: MILI, SN
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3c8517c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014